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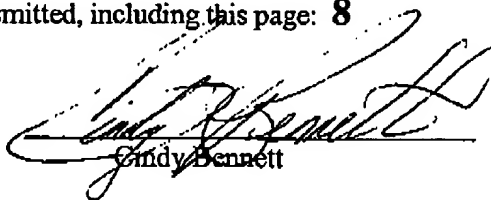
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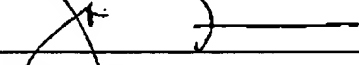
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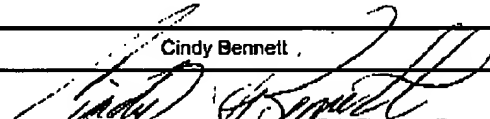
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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

Date: ... April 13, 2004

Parties:

1. 'The Assignor': SVOD LLC of 8900 Liberty Circle, Englewood, CO, 80112 USA
2. 'The Assignee': STARZ ENCORE GROUP LLC of 8900 Liberty Circle, Englewood, CO, 80112 USA

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SCHEDULE A

Country	Title	Application No. Filing Date	Patent No. Issue Date
US	Subscription Video on Demand	60/159202 10/13/1999	
US	Video On Demand Switching System	60/159469 10/13/1999	
US	Multiple Video Storage System	60/163324 11/03/1999	
US	Pre-Storing a Portion of a Program to Allow User Control of Playback	09/687151 10/12/2000	
US	Local Near Video on Demand Storage	09/687138 10/12/2000	
US	Local Storage of Programs	09/687157 10/12/2000	
US	Programming Distribution System	09/687149 10/12/2000	
US	Programming Distribution & Notification System	09/687148 10/12/2000	
US	Method for Providing Programming Distribution	09/687139 10/12/2000	
US	Method for Authorizing Limited Programming Distribution	09/687140 10/12/2000	
US	Multiplexed Digital Channel Storage	09/687877 10/12/2000	
US	Pre-Storing a Multiplex to Allow User Control of Playback	60/275496 03/13/2001	
US	Pre-Storing a Multiple Programs with User Control of Playback	09/877317 06/08/2001	
US	Program Guide Enhancements	60/285817 04/23/2001	
US	Program Guide Enhancements	10/128654 04/22/2002	
US	Program Guide Environment	10/128653 04/22/2002	
US	Manual Override of Automatic Preferences to Customize SVOD	60/286911 04/27/2001	

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US	Customization in a Content Distribution System	10/131507	
US	Video on Demand Controls	60/331886 11/20/2001	
US	Viewing Limit Controls	10/300723 11/19/2002	
US	Systems & Methods for Providing Marketing Messages and Incentives Based on Viewing Limits and Viewing Limit Levels	10/300682 11/19/2002	
US	Instant Video on Demand Playback	60/368646 03/29/2002	
US	Instant Video on Demand Playback	10/393724 03/18/2003	
US	Video Advertising	60/391723 06/25/2002	
US	Video Advertising	10/460753 06/11/2003	
US	Cross-Channel Interstitial Program Promotion	10/460770 06/11/2003	
US	Television Aspect Ratio Manipulation	60/455009 03/14/2003	
US	Digital Broadcast Format Statistical Multiplexer	60/476503 06/06/2003	
US	Subscription Video on Demand Delivery	60/478629 06/13/2003	
US	Television Aspect Ratio Manipulation	60/516185 10/30/2003	
US	Master Origination System	60/523250 11/18/2003	
US	System for Dynamic Real-Time Television Channel Expansion	08/245596 05/20/1994	5534941 07/09/1996

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